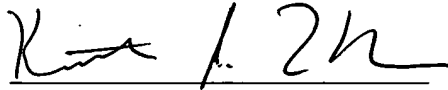


Claims 27 and 44 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Hughes et al. in view of Henson and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,808,908 (Ghahramani). As Hughes et al. is no longer a proper prior art reference, neither Henson nor Ghahramani can be combined with Hughes et al. to reject Claims 27 and 44. Withdrawal of the rejection of these claims is thus also requested.

A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and Petition for Three-Month Extension of Time is enclosed to enable entry of the above new arguments over the rejected claims. A check for \$1,810.00 for the RCE and Petition Fee is enclosed. Early passage to issue is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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